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SPORTING NEWS AND COMMENT

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ROBERT EDGREN."WALK-UP" SYSTEM TO BE
INAUGURATED HEREMars Cassidy's Idea, Which Is an Improvement
Over the Flatfoot Break, to Be Put
Into Operation.

BY FRANK W. THORP.

It is understood that the stewards of the Jockey Club, while they have not officially announced the fact, have decided to permit Mars Cassidy to put into effect his own system of starting. Mr. Cassidy is the inventor, if that term may be used, of what is known as the "walk-up" system of starting. By this method he lines horses up a considerable distance behind the barrier. They then walk up on as nearly even terms as possible, and when the right moment arrives up flies the barrier, no matter if the horses be five, ten or fifteen feet from it. The proper and psychological moment, so to speak, of releasing the barrier rests with the starter. Before he was appointed official starter to the Jockey Club Mr. Cassidy used his system with wonderful success at out of town tracks. He showed the method at Aqueduct one fall.

William C. Whitney came down to Aqueduct especially to see Cassidy's starting. "Wonderful!" he cried. "You must have Cassidy and his starting." The public echoed the verdict of Mr. Whitney. Cassidy was appointed to alternate with Christopher Fitzgerald. Both starters were requested to use the "walk-up" system. Now Mr. Fitzgerald's success had been with the flat-footed break. He had had no experience with moving starts. He did not want to exploit another man's game. As a result, he made a fizzle of the moving start. The jockeys were demoralized, Cassidy's horses were discouraged and the "walk-up" system was discontinued. The flat-footed break, the worst system of starting ever foisted on the racing public, was taken up again and

has been in vogue ever since. Cassidy, while he made no attempt at moving starts, went to Hot Springs in the winter of 1904, and at the Essex Park track started horses with the "walk-up" system. I happened to be at Hot Springs that winter, and I never saw such perfection in starting before. And I have seen many starters from Caldwell down, working under all sorts of systems. In spite of this wonderful work, the Jockey Club again pinned Cassidy down to the flat-footed break in 1905. Last winter Cassidy started at City Park, New Orleans. He used the "walk-up" system. He duplicated his Hot Springs success. This year he has again used the flat-footed break, and up to date the Jockey Club has not permitted a change from it, notwithstanding the sentiment of the public is overwhelmingly in favor of a change, and owners and trainers are practically unanimous in favor of the "walk-up."

The flat-footed break is an unnatural one for horses. It is a strain for a horse to suddenly spring from a flat-footed stand. It is natural for horses to break in motion. I have seen at Hot Springs large fields of horses race almost head and head for the first furlong of a race after a moving break. No such thing has ever been seen with the flat-footed break. To be convinced of the uselessness of the flat-footed system, watch the races that are started up the straight at Belmont Park. Watch them today and tomorrow and the next day. The moment the barrier goes up the horses will be seen to scatter like a lot of scared rabbits. That is not a natural break, but it is the break that the flat-footed system produces. You will see horses bump one another until fully fifty yards have been covered, when they finally settle into a true run. If it is permitted to use the "walk-up" method at Sheepshead, then the public will see starts that are starts. If Mr. Cassidy lives up to his Hot Springs and New Orleans successes, then there will never be any other system used hereabouts save the "walk-up."

Irvington Milburn
Bicycle Race

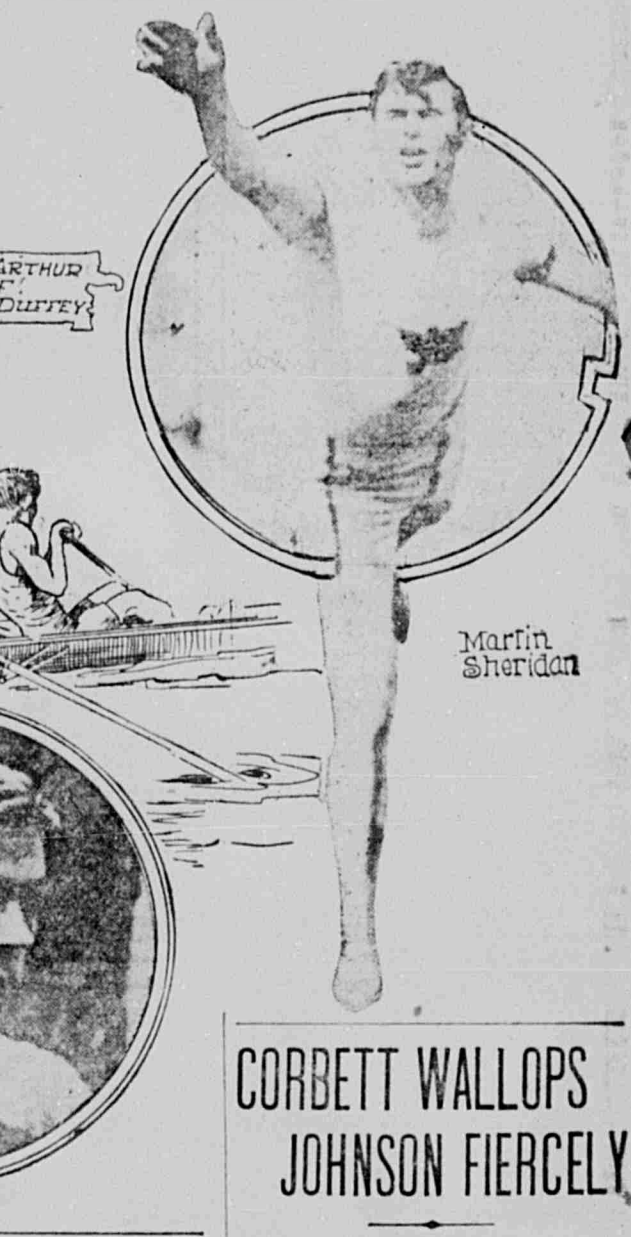
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GOOD WEATHER AND TRACK
FOR GRAVESEED GALLOPSWaterbury Shows Speedy Three Furlongs and
Is Ready for a Race, as Are Several
Others at the Course.

Gravesend track was much improved over the past few days, being in good condition this morning. There were a few very good gallops shown, of which the following were the best: DAINTYDAY—One mile in 1:24.5, galloping. Doing well and at her best. LITTLE FLEA—Six furlongs in 1:23.5, galloping. In good form and ready.

CONFEDERATE—Seven furlongs in 1:32.5, galloping. In good form and ready. ARGENTINE—Five furlongs in 1:05.5, galloping. Sure to win if started soon.

FRECKLES—Four furlongs in 0:52.5, galloping. In good form and ready. ALKALINE—Six furlongs in 1:21.5, galloping. In good form and ready.

WATERLIGHT—Six furlongs in 1:19.5, galloping. Doing better and is in it now. MAXIE WITTE—Six furlongs in 1:23.5, galloping. In company with WATERLIGHT has never shown much.

HOWLING BRIDGE—One mile in 1:43.5, galloping. Not up to much. LAMARCA—Four furlongs in 0:50.5, galloping. Doing well and at her best. WATERFALL—Four furlongs in 0:50.5, galloping. Doing quite well and is ready.

WATERBURY—Three furlongs in 0:37.5, galloping. Is ready and a nice colt. RIGBY—Four furlongs in 0:51.5, galloping. Don't run to his work. TAMORA—Three furlongs in 0:37.5, galloping. Has a nice turn of speed.

COMMUNIPAW—Three furlongs in 0:34.5, galloping. Has a nice turn of speed. TRUE VERDICT—Five furlongs in 1:05.5, galloping. A nice filly and ready to race.

COY MAID—One mile in 1:50.5, galloping. Doing well. TRAVIS HOLM—Six furlongs in 1:18.5, galloping. Looks well, but not as good as reported.

RUSSIAN WATER—One mile in 1:43.5, galloping. Doing well and about ready to do her best.

MOVEA—Four furlongs in 0:48.5, galloping. Very good work for this one. JENNIE McCABE—Six furlongs in 1:18.5, galloping. Seems at her best.

EDMONDALE—One mile and eight furlongs in 2:07.5, galloping. Doing well and is in it.

MISS CRAWFORD—One mile in 1:43.5, galloping. Ready to go to the post. EDNA JACKSON—Six furlongs in 1:18.5, galloping. In good form and ready.

1:17.5, galloping. Never acted better; should run a good race soon. EUGENIA BURCH—One mile in 1:48.5, galloping. Looks well but needs rest. BLAZE STAR—One mile in 1:39.5, galloping. A nice looking colt. ANGLER—One mile in 1:47.5, galloping. In good form.

SHEEPSHEAD WORKOUTS
ON A HOLDING TRACK.

The track at Sheepshead Bay this morning had dried out considerably, but had not been improved much. Instead of the slush that has prevailed for the past two days and allowed the racers to spatter over the course, there was a footing that the trainers described as holding and which allowed no fast time to be made. It was partly dry and partly covered with slush. Many rats were shown over it at various varieties of speed, and the workout was as pleasant. The best workouts followed:

ROB ROY—Six furlongs in 1:13.5, galloping. As ready for his best effort.

COLONEL RUPPERT—Four furlongs in 0:51.5, galloping. Is a fair selling price.

TRADITION—A half mile in 0:50.5, galloping. Has recovered from his last sickness.

YALAGAI—One mile in 1:47.5, galloping. Very good.

LADY VALENTINE—Six furlongs in 1:18.5, galloping. Will win a cheap race.

GLAMOR—Three furlongs in 0:37.5, galloping. A speedy filly.

GOLDEN WEST—Five furlongs in 1:04.5, galloping. A nice filly; ran green in her first start.

GOLDEN SHOE—A half mile in 1:12.5, galloping. Is very fit.

LESTER L. HAYMAN—Five furlongs in 1:02.5, galloping. All that was asked of him.

GARDEN CLUB EXPECTS
TO WIN FIGHTERS' CASE

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

The Twentieth Century Athletic Club is satisfied that when its case comes to trial, the prospects are they will be victorious. The case is now being decided in its favor. Ever since the reorganization of this famous club it has striven to conduct its members' entertainments in a strictly legitimate manner, and members only were admitted to the shows.

It is deniable that members' cards should have fallen into the hands of speculators, and it is a matter easily overcome and will be given attention to in the future.

In the future of the case being decided favorably for the club, which is extremely probable, the best men in the country will be signed to meet in ten-round exhibitions.

Joe Gans and Willie Lewis are the scheduled pair to encounter, they being next pair to encounter on June 12.

Dave Sullivan to Fight Again. Dave Sullivan, who was one of the greatest fighters for his weight in the business seven years ago, will be seen in the ring again this Friday night. He will meet "Big" Stone, the hard-hitting lightweight of Boston, in a ten-round bout at the Consolidated A. C. stage at Lyric Hall. Sullivan says he has been doing some light training and claims he is in the shape. If Sullivan beats Stone he will go on to win the title meeting the good ones at his weight.

Joe Thomas Must Be a Wonder. Joe Thomas, the welter-weight pugilist of California, who Willie Fitzgerald and Willie Lewis claim is a coming fighter in that division, must be a good one for he knocked out Grander on the head in the first round of a fight at Terre Haute a few nights ago. Thomas intends to come East in a week or ten days and get on with his fight in this vicinity with all of the good welterweights.

Champion Nell Arrives in Town. Frankie Nell, of California, the bantam-weight champion of America, has arrived in town in search of matches with all the good 115 or 122 pound boxers in this vicinity. Nell arrived here from Indianapolis last night with his father, who will arrange all his matches.

Spike Robson Hurts His Hand Again. Spike Robson, the English lightweight pugilist, is laid up for repairs again with an injured hand. He hurt his hand by hitting Al Grander on the head in their six-round bout at the Washington Sporting Club of Philadelphia on last Monday night. Robson will not be able to fight again for at least two weeks. This is the second time he injured the same hand during a battle with Grander.

Goodman-Baldwin Bout Postponed. The twenty-five-round bout between Kid Goodman, of Boston, and Matt Baldwin, the husky New England feather-weight, which was carded to come off before the Lincoln A. C. of Chelsea, Mass., to-night, has been postponed until tomorrow night. When the bout is held, it will be a real one.

Britt Wants to Fight Terry Again. Jimmy Britt, the light-weight champion of California, is not satisfied with his battle with Terry McGovern, and is looking for another fight. He wants to fight Terry again, and he is looking for a return battle with McGovern.

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SHEPHERD REGAINS HONORS
FROM WOOD IN REGATTAPhiladelphia Fell Out of Shell During Race
When New Yorker Had Safe Lead—Vesely
and Budrie Win the Doubles.

(Special to The Evening World.)
HIGHTSBIDGE, N. Y., May 30.—In future years spectators and contestants at the Harlem Regatta Association regattas will hark back to the senior double-scul race won today by the First Bohemian Boat Club crew, Vesely and Budrie. It was the nearest and best race of the day, bringing together the best oarsmen on the Harlem River, and it was a race won by inches in the end.

At the close of the oarsmen in the Staten Island boat collapsed.

The race brought out a strong field of O'Neill and Titus, Nonpareil, Vesely and Budrie, First Bohemian, and John Miller, of the New York Athletic Club, who were all in the race.

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the majority thought Wood had simply quit. Shepherd had gained only a slight advantage, but his rowing showed that he had more reserve power in store. Shepherd finished the course, Vesely being second. No time was taken.

The New York Athletic Club event, after the first half mile, was a race for second place. Vesely, of the New York Athletic Club, was the favorite, and he won the race, with Dunn second and Shea third.

The start of the intermediate double sculls, one of the best races of the day, was perfect, and the race was a close one, with Vesely and Budrie leading the race, and the other oarsmen following them.

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STONE FIRST PLAYER
TO MAKE FIFTY HITSHonors of Major Leagues Be-
long to St. Louis Player—
Davis Scores Most Runs.

Batting in the American League declined appreciably last week. Pitchers are getting into shape, and as a result averages are seeking their normal level.

Stone, of St. Louis, is the first player in the major leagues to cross the fifty mark in base hits. He made his half-century last week and clinched his hold on the lead. His average of .425 stands as the best made by a regular player in fast company. Stone is out to lead the league this season, and Lajoie will have to make a spirited effort to collar this new terror to pitchers.

Murphy is leading the Athletics with an average of .375, although Dyett and Bender in the comparatively few games in which they participated have done better.

Harry Davis tops American League players in two departments of the game. He has scored the most runs and hit for the most extra bases. His latter record is phenomenal. He has scored over 100 runs and hit for over 100 extra bases. His nearest rival is Collins, of Boston, who has scored over 80 runs and hit for over 80 extra bases.

Davis in hitting ranks tenth in the league. Plank, Seybold, Schreck and Knickerbocker are all in the top twenty. Davis is leading the league in hitting extra bases. He has hit for over 100 extra bases.

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